

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMAC

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

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ARTICLES IN WARRANT

FOR

ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1885.

AT TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Art. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Art. 4. To choose a Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, and fix the compensation for collection.

Art. 5. To choose one School Committee for three years.

Art. 6. To choose one Trustee of the Cemetery for three years.

Art. 7. To choose two Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

Art. 8. To see if the town will accept the jury list as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 9. To choose Constables.

Art. 10. To choose Highway Surveyors.

Art. 11. To choose Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Art. 12. To choose Fence Viewers and Field Drivers, and all other necessary town officers.

Art. 13. To bring in their votes by ballot—yes or no—on the question, “Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?”

Art. 14. On petition of George O. Goodwin, C. E. Rowell, and others, “to see if the town will vote to build a reservoir at Merrimacport, near the residence of Henry Haskell, and raise money for that purpose.”

Art. 15. On petition of T. H. Patten, A. B. Morse and others, "to see if the town will vote to pay for oil and chimneys to be used in street lamps that are, or may be placed about the town, where individuals are willing to care for the same; the whole to be under the control of the Selectmen and Village Improvement Society."

Art. 16. On petition of Josiah Rowell, J. D. Pike, and others, "to see if the town will vote to employ a Special Agent for the suppression of the liquor traffic, and also to make appropriations therefor."

Art 17. To hear and act on the report of the committee chosen to confer with the Committee of the Fire District in relation to the purchase of the district property, and if the town votes to purchase, to appropriate money therefor, or pass such votes as your action thereon may make necessary.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the town for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 19. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, under direction of the Selectmen, to hire money, either in anticipation of taxes, or to refund any portion of the town debt, or to satisfy any final judgment against the town.

Art. 20. To see what discount, if any, the town will allow for the prompt payment of taxes, and fix the time for the payment of taxes, also, to see what interest, if any, the town will charge on taxes remaining unpaid after the time fixed for the payment thereof.

Art. 21. To see if the town will accept the street from Church street to the junction of Grove and Summer streets, as laid out by the selectmen.

Art. 22. On petition of C. O. Roberts and others to see if the town will appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars to be expended under the direction of Post 114, G. A. R., for the proper observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 1885.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to restrain neat cattle and horse kind from running at large.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS AT MERRIMAC CENTER.

Teacher's Pay.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Geo. F. Joyce, principal,	\$829 54	
Helen K. Spofford, assistant,	437 50	
		\$1,267 04

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Ellen Gunnison,		448 75
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INTERMEDIATE.

Minnie M. Bassett,	\$105 00	
Mary E. Hoyt,	183 75	
		288 75

FIRST PRIMARY.

Carrie M. Evans,		288 75
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SECOND PRIMARY.

Frances L. Sherman,		247 50
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PROSPECT STREET FIRST PRIMARY.

Josephine L. Oak,	288 75
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PROSPECT STREET SECOND PRIMARY.

Flora E. Fournin,	247 50
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MUSIC.

Stella C. Larkin,	193 00
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Total for Teachers,	<u>3270 04</u>
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Incidentals.

S. S. Blodgett, coal,	\$ 94 65	
Blaisdell & Huntington, coal,	21 46	
Sargent & Currier, wood,	14 50	
H. M. Fournin, sawing wood,	4 50	
Harry I. Cummings, " "	2 70	
Harry E. Chase, " "	1 50	
John Reardon, " "	1 50	
John Sheridan, " "	75	
	<u>141 56</u>	
W. W. Lydston, supplies,	17 95	
G. G. Davis, " "	2 75	
J. H. Cleary, " "	16 85	
Geo. F. Joyce, Jr., " "	4 63	
William Chase, " "	1 85	
J. L. Blaisdell, pump,	6 25	
Morse & Whyte, wire netting,	7 16	
Smith Am. Organ Co., organ,	40 00	
Merrimac Budget, printing,	2 50	
	<u>99 94</u>	
William Jones, repairs,	53 77	
J. P. Ransom, " "	11 03	

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Heath Bros.,	repairs,	51	76		
W. B. Chapman,	"	3	50		
Calvin Sargent,	"		40		
F. H. True,	"		75		
H. M. Fourtin,	"		35		
J. Rowell,	cleaning well,	6	50		
J. Lawton,	labor in yard,	12	20		
				140	26
Harry I. Cummings,	care of room,	18	00		
H. M. Fourtin,	" "	84	00		
Charles Judkins,	" "	13	50		
Harry E. Chase,	" "	30	00		
Fred R. Williams,	" "	6	50		
Maggie Lawton,	cleaning rooms,	24	50		
				177	00
					558 76
Total for schools at Center,				\$3,828 80	

MERRIMACPORT SCHOOLS.

Teacher's Pay.

Chas. S. Davis,	Grammar school,	\$507	50		
Minnie C. Currier,	Intermediate				
	school,	263	50		
Annie M. Collins,	Primary school,	247	50		
Stella C. Larkin,	Music,	36	00		
				1054	50

Incidentals.

William Chase,	supplies,	\$	3	00	
Chas. S. Davis,	"		1	40	
James Whittier,	repairs,		29	83	

W. W. Lydston, [repairs,	4	90	
J. P. Ransom, “	13	38	
Heath Bros., “	2	61	
A. Russell and Son, “	20	00	
Wm. Jones, “	29	60	
J. L. Blaisdell, “	2	50	
W. B. Chapman, “	4	72	
T. L. Goodwin, tuning instruments,	4	00	
Morse & Whyte, wire netting,	7	16	
Wm. Case, pd. for repairs,	21	64	
	————	144	74
Blaisdell & Huntington, coal,	129	67	
D. F. Morrill, wood,	6	00	
Sargent & Currier, wood,	5	00	
W. D. Large, sawing wood,	3	00	
Wm. Chase, pd. for sawing wood,	1	25	
	————	144	92
A. N. Collins, care of room,	6	00	
W. D. Large, “ “	23	00	
Wm. Chase, pd. for “ “	4	75	
Wm. Chase, pd. for cleaning room,	5	43	
	————	39	18 328 84
Total for schools at Merrimacport,			<u>\$1,383 34</u>

LANDING SCHOOL.

Mattie A Hughes, teacher, \$154 00

Incidentals.

Sargent & Currier, wood	4	51
C. H. Hughes, sawing wood,	1	35
James Whittier, repairs,	16	62

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Sargent & Currier, stock,	32 77		
J. P. Ransom, repairs,	3 46		
M. A. Hughes, care of room,	7 00		
William Chase, pd. for cleaning room,	1 50		
		67 21	
Total			221 21

BEAR HILL SCHOOL

Bessie A. Veal, teacher, 334 00

Incidentals.

S. S. Blodgett, coal	18 86		
Geo. H. Tilton, wood,	8 75		
Nat H. Veal, sawing wood,	3 00		
H. L. Woodman, " "	2 25		
W. E. Jones, repairs,	6 80		
Christopher Sargent, "	1 25		
F. H. True, "	75		
Sargent & Currier, "	48		
H. L. Woodman, care of room,	8 60		
M. McNanie, cleaning "	4 00		
Smith Am. Organ Co., organ,	40 00		
T. L. Goodwin, rent of instrument,	6 00		
W. D. Bartlett & Son, stove,	19 50		
W. W. Lydston, sundries,	50		
		120 74	
Total,			454 74

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL.

Etta H. Colby, teacher, \$154 00

Incidentals.

J. W. Colby, wood,	5 50		
L. E. Bancroft, "	4 25		
G. H. Tilton, "	6 25		
G. F. Jenkins, sawing wood	3 50		
T. L. Goodwin, repairs,	11 78		
M. S. Gibbs, "	14 65		
Wm. Jones, "	2 00		
L. E. Bancroft, "	50		
Sargent & Currier, stock	12 25		
Annie Jenkins, care of room,	2 85		
Alice Jenkins, cleaning room,	1 50		
		65 03	
Total,			219 03

BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL.

Hattie L. Thorn, teacher,	66 00		
Minnie M. Bassett, "	66 00		
		132 00	

Incidentals.

J. W. Colby, wood,	5 50		
M. W. Thompson, sawing wood,	1 50		
M. W. Thompson, repairs,	50		
F. H. True, "	75		
Calvin Sargent, "	1 25		
M. W. Thompson, care of room,	3 00		
M. M. Bassett, " "	5 50		
		18 00	
Total			150 00
Total ordinary expenses,			6257 12

Town appropriation,	\$5500 00	
Income Mass. School Fund,	176 79	
Dog Fund,	149 57	
Received for tuitions,	70 50	
" " books sold,	33 14	
" " rent of room,	13 80	
" " sundries,	4 12	
		5947 92
Overdrawn,		309 20

To the above total of ordinary expenses of schools, there is to be added on account of school books and supplies purchased in accordance with the provisions of Chap. 103, Acts of 1884, entitled, "An act to provide for the furnishing of free text books and school supplies to the pupils of the public schools." and for insurance on school houses, and putting lightning rod on the Prospect street school house, the sum of \$1677.54, as shown in the following schedule:—

J. L. Hammett,	school supplies,	132 53	
George F. King & Merrill,	" "	74 41	
Carroll W. Clark,	" "	19 00	
O. Ditson & Co.,	" "	14 17	
James A. Hale,	" "	31 76	
M. Perry Sargent,	" "	8 58	
Frank H. True,	" "	34	
Merrimac Budget, printing,		9 60	
			290 39
Lee & Shepard,	school books,	53 34	
E. W. Ricker,	" "	231 90	
Warren P. Adams,	" "	14 30	
Charles H. Whiting,	" "	38 31	

Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, school books,	19 80	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., " "	14 88	
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co. " "	12 00	
Ginn, Heath & Co., " "	18 50	
T. W. Gilson, " "	180 84	
Thompson, Brown & Co., " "	30 59	
Carl Schoenhof, " "	9 12	
Clark & Maynard, " "	3 00	
D. Appleton & Co., " "	26 87	
VanAntwerp, Bragg & Co., " "	21 81	
Boston School Supply Co. " "	95 04	
Wm. Ware & Co., " "	314 52	
Harrison Hume, " "	3 75	
S. C. Grigg & Co., " "	2 00	
		1090 61
J. Hobart, copying,		2 50
B. Sargent, insurance on school houses,		202 04
G. S. Prescott, lightning rods, Prospect Street school house,		92 00
Total extra expenses,		\$1,677 54
Making a total expense for schools of		7,934 66

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid town of Amesbury as follows :

Board of Eliza Patten,	\$104 00
Clothes for " "	5 00

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$\frac{2}{5}$ support of McCabe children,	78 90	
$\frac{2}{5}$ " Mrs. Laroche,	2 85	
Total paid Amesbury,		191 75

Support of Family of W. O. Gray.

H. Maria Gray, board of 2 children,	139 08	
Calvin Sargent, board of one child,	96 00	
F. Pettigrew, board of Mrs. Gray,	78 00	
Lydia Goodwin, board of Mrs. Gray,	24 00	
		337 08

Support of Maria Sargent.

Blaisdell & Huntington, coal,	38 75	
T. E. Connor, wood,	2 50	
		41 25

Support of M. Burke.

Blaisdell & Huntington, coal,	24 40	
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	70 04	
A. E. Kenison, "	2 73	
Geo. A. Titcomb, "	18 29	
		115 76

Support of R. S. Patten.

Blaisdell & Huntington, coal,	29 93	
J. W. Colby, wood,	2 00	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	81 38	
		113 31

Support of Alex. McGregor.

John Scanlan, board,	20 50	
Dr. W. H. Gerrish, medical attendance,	15 50	
		35 50

Support of Nellie Parker.

Dr. H. J. Cushing, supplies,	4 46	
A. E. Kenson, “	19 08	
C. E. Rowell, “	1 00	
		24 54
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, support of A.		
C. Hoyt,	89 49	
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, support of		
A. C. Hoyt,	104 79	
		194 28
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, support of A.		
R. Lawson,		170 04
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, support of M.		
Riley,		171 42
A. P. Chaple, support of Ann M. Wain-		
ing,		104 00
City of Newburyport, support of Caroline		
Sargent,		47 25
Mary Pressy, house rent, Smith Quimby,		52 00
S. S. Blodgett, coal to lock up,	9 06	
J. B. Heath, supplies to lock up,	1 02	
Edwards and Walker, supplies to lock up,	1 15	
		11 23
Dr. H. J. Cushing, services,		30 00

Support of C. N. Crandall Family.

Sargent & Currier, supplies,	2 58	
G. G. Davis, “	12 62	
Dr. H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	4 00	
		19 20

Total for poor,			\$1,658 61
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Deduct from this,		
Received on account of M. Riley,	43 75	
overpaid on Mrs. O. W. Gray,	4 00	
for use of lock up,	1 00	
from state, for state paupers,	21 00	
Due from state, for state paupers,	19 20	
		88 95
Balance expense maintaining poor,		1,569 66
Appropriation,	1200 00	
Overdrawn,	369 66	
		1,569 66

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

[DISTRICT NO. ONE. W. H. BLODGETT, SURVEYOR.]

Expended by surveyor in repairs,	\$564 74	
J. E. Currier,	4 40	
D. E. Wadleigh,	6 50	
L. E. Bancroft,	53 55	
		\$628 19
Apportionment,	550 00	
Overdrawn,	78 19	
		628 19

REMOVING SNOW.

J. L. Merrill,	19 80	
W. H. Blodgett,	153 86	
L. E. Bancroft,	10 40	
T. E. Connor,	1 05	
		185 11

DISTRICT NO. TWO. J. L. BLAISDELL, SURVEYOR.

Expended by Surveyor in repairs,	367 35	
Sargent & Currier, posts and tile,	9 06	
		376 41
Apportionment,	350 00	
Overdrawn,	26 41	
		376 41

REMOVING SNOW.

Moses Stevens,	24 60	
J. L. Blaisdell,	82 40	
T. E. Connor,	2 16	
		109 16
Sargent & Currier, posts and rails,		8 15

DISTRICT NO. THREE. CHRISTOPHER SARGENT, SURVEYOR.

Expended by surveyor in repairs,		236 20
Apportionment,	250 00	
Balance unexpended,	13 80	
		236 20

REMOVING SNOW.

J. L. Woodman,	14 20	
Christopher Sargent,	55 50	
		69 70

DISTRICT NO. FOUR. CALVIN SARGENT, SURVEYOR.

Expended by surveyor in repairs,		127 78
Apportionment,	150 00	
Balance unexpended,	22 22	
		127 78

REMOVING SNOW.

Calvin Sargent,		47 37
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Extra Expense in Highway Department.

NEW CEMETERY ROAD AND BRIDGE.

J. L. Blaisdell, labor,	214	50	
W.B.Chapman, labor and material,	38	20	
Sargent & Currier, lumber, posts and tile,	18	71	
George W. Sargent, labor,	6	03	
James Lawton, “	4	75	
Charles B. Heath, “		87	
G.G.Larkin, pd. for cutting bushes,	3	00	
Sundry bills paid for labor,	28	60	
G. W. Nichols, laying out road,	7	00	
Little & Larkin, drain tile,	146	96	
	————		467 59
J. M. Wood, work on School st.,			125 00
J. L. Blaisdell, building bridge, Liberty street,	33	50	
Sargent&Currier, stock for same,	29	20	
	————		62 70
Town of Amesbury, repairs on Rocks bridge,			113 88
Sargent & Currier, for drain tile,	69	20	
Hanscom Bros., “ “	11	25	
B. & M. R, R., freight on drain tile,	1	00	
	————		81 45
N. L. Howe, repairs on road machine,			1 25
B. & M. R. R., freight on cinders,			11 50

Agnes M. Gray, damage on side-		
walk,	25 00	
Louis J. Bartlett, damage on side-		
walk,	10 00	
	———	35 00
W. G. Nichols, surveying, plan,		
&c , Church ave.,	15 50	
	———	913 87
Total expense highway department,		2701 94
Appropriation,	1800 00	
Overdrawn,	901 94	2701 94

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Niagara Engine Co,	\$525 00	
Wm. P. Sargent, Hook &		
Ladder Co.,	181 67	
	———	\$706 67
Paid Agile Engine Co ,	475 00	
J. A. Perry, repairs on		
Agile Engine,	2 00	
F. E. Davis, repairs on		
Agile Engine,	25 70	
D. E. Wadleigh, repairs on		
Agile Engine,	2 25	
N. L. Howe, repairs on		
Agile Engine,	13 75	

R. S. Bailey, repairs on		
Agile Engine,	3 40	
		522 10
J. L. Blaisdell, grading place		
to set engine,	12 40	
		\$1241 17

COST OF NEW STEAM FIRE ENGINE AND INCIDENTALS.

Manchester Locomotive Works,	3206 25	
B. & M. R. R. Co., freight on		
steamer,	9 00	
Services of committee,	66 89	
		3282 14
J. F. Dean, coal,	28 00	
S. S. Blodgett, "	33 30	
B. & M. R. R. freight on coal,	4 00	
J. Lawton, sawing and splitting wood,	4 25	
A. S. Jackson, waste,	3 50	
G. G. Davis, supplies,	6 70	
A. A. Sawyer, oil,	5 25	
Manchester Locomotive Works, re-		
pairing lantern,	2 85	
C. M. Clapp & Co., 2 fire coats,	7 00	
A. W. Mitchell & Co., badges,	20 00	
		114 85
J. S. Poyen & Co., hose and freight,		897 22
S. Eastman & Co., repairing leather		
hose,		5 14
L. J. O'Connor, labor on hose car-		
riage,	141 20	
Manchester Locomotive Works, la-		
bor on hose carriage,	21 05	

W. A. Mfg. Co., labor on hose		
carriage,	11 75	
Archibald Wheel Co., wheels and		
axles,	38 54	
D. W. Gould, strap,	1 25	
		213 79

COST OF ENGINE HOUSE AND RESERVOIR.

Damon Bros, plan and specifications,	50 00	
Heath Bros., contractors,	1239 34	
Sargent & Currier, lumber,	89 12	
George Denoncour, brick,	180 70	
H. G. & H. W. Stevens, brick,	4 80	
B. & M. R. R., freight on brick,	46 51	
S. S. Blodgett, lime and cement,	71 30	
D. D. Chase & Son, " "	87 80	
M. S. Gibbs, labor and stock,	11 13	
J. E. Currier, stone and hauling,	15 50	
G. G. Larkin, stone,	4 00	
W. H. Blodgett, bill labor,	357 36	
Marshall Bros., mason work,	353 36	
R. H. Sargent, bill labor,	52 30	
William Jones, painting,	32 22	
Swamscot Mach. Co., iron cover,	8 08	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	2 58	
W. W. Lydston, " "	24 56	
D. Wadleigh, lamp,	1 00	
A. M. Ellis, moving building,	175 00	
D. J. Poore, Treas., lot land,	691 90	
D. W. Cushing, stove,	28 50	
		3527 06
Total,		9281 37

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Appropriated at annual meeting,	\$1200 00	
“ meeting, May 12,	4500 00	
“ “ Dec. 29,	3650 00	
		9350 00
Unexpended balance,		68 63
		9281 37

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation,	\$500 00
Paid D. J. Poore, Esq., treasurer,	500 00

STATE AID.

H. C. Flanders,	\$ 48 00	
T. S. Bradley,	10 50	
Wm. F. Martins,	72 00	
H. P. Tozier,	48 00	
Rebecca Kennett,	48 00	
George F. Bailey,	36 00	
Mary E. G. Gay,	48 00	
John Jenkins,	36 00	
		346 50

POLICE.

John B. Heath,	80 00
P. J. Neal,	30 00

H. P. Davis,	60 00	
J. J. Rourke, special,	3 00	
I. H. Pendergast, "	3 00	
		176 00

POLICE REPORT.

Number of tramps cared for,	16
" arrests for drunkenness,	5
" " assault,	3
" " non-support of family,	1
" " fraud,	1
" times called,	46

JOHN B HEATH, } Police.
P. J. NEAL, }

CEMETERY ACCOUNT.

Report of the Superintendent of the Old Cemetery.

John B. Heath in account with the Merrimac Burial Ground.

1884

Dr.

Feb. 14	Deposit in Merrimac Savings	
	Bank,	\$230 39
Apr. 12	Rec'd from sale of lot No. 138,	20 00
Oct. 15.	" interest,	10 45
		260 84

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May 5.	Paid John E. Currier, for grade,	4 50	
July 20.	mowing yard,	8 00	
	care of “	3 50	
	Deposit in Merrimack Savings		
	Bank,	244 84	
			260 84
	JOHN B. HEATH, Supt.		

LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

Amount appropriated,	\$1000 00
Paid to trustees,	1000 00

Report of the Trustees of Locust Grove Cemetery.

Dr.

Amount appropriated by the town,	1000 00	
“ received by sale of lots,	175 00	
		1175 00

Cr.

Amount of bills paid,	492 29	
“ cash on hand,	682 71	
		1175 00

The trustees take this opportunity to say that they have employed Mr. Henry Ross of Newton, Mass., a gentleman of much experience, to lay out the grounds, and it was done in a very satisfactory manner.

It was dedicated October 2d, 1884, with appropriate services, and is now ready for burial purposes. The Selectmen have laid out and built an avenue from School street to the cemetery, the land being generously donated by Mr. G. G. Larkin.

J. A. LANCASTER,	} Trustees.
I. B. LITTLE,	
C. E. ROWELL,	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES ON SARGENT HALL.

William Jones, repairs,	60 72	
Heath Bros., “	13 21	
Sargent & Currier, coal,	12 90	
Sargent & Currier, supplies,	6 90	
J. H. Cleary, “	22 97	
Wm. Winslow, charcoal,	3 30	
R. A. Sargent, janitor and care of clock,	74 75	
	—————	194 75
W. H. B. Currier, adv. warrants, bill 1883,	17 00	
Mitchell & Hoyt, check lists for 1883,	9 40	
C. C. Morse & Son, town reports,	52 90	
J. B. Rogers, adv. warrant, ann'l meeting,	7 00	
Pratt Bros., assessors' notices,	1 25	
Merrimac Budget, warrants, notices, and check lists,	22 55	
Merrimac Budget, registrars' notices, &c.	10 75	
T. Groom & Co., assessors' and tax books,	3 50	
C. K. Darling, record book and stationery,	3 00	
G. E. Ricker, stamps and postals for regis- trars,	10 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, registra- tion book,	1 80	
F. H. True, printing tax bills,	4 75	
M. S. Gibbs, bulletin board,	75	
	—————	144 65
Bailey Sargent, census of scholars,	5 00	
O. W. Little, expressing and sundries,	37 05	
Post 114, G. A. R., Memorial day,	75 00	

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Dr. H. J. Cushing, birth certificates,	7 50	
J. McNanie, work at lower cemetery,	5 00	
T. F. Goodwin, " upper "	6 80	
D. Wadleigh, repairing hearse,	3 70	
C. E. Little, horse hire,	9 00	
		149 05
Town of W. Newbury, service of steamer,	85 25	
C. E. Rowell, supplies at fire,	20 06	
Mrs. Todd, cleaning hall,	3 04	
W. H. Blodgett, hauling engine to fires,	11 25	
		119 60
W. Jones, repairs on street lamps,	9 05	
W. W. Lydston, " town pump,	1 50	
Wm. Jones " "	1 50	
L. C. Loud, plank for bridge,	4 30	
W. H. Colby, use of horse,	7 00	
J. B. Heath, notifying town officers,	1 00	
" " return of deaths,	7 50	
Bailey Sargent, expense on ballot box,	3 78	
" " " bank and corp.		
taxes and hiring money,	7 68	
" " expense on E. M. Bridge,	3 50	
" " postage,	2 96	
		49 77
Total,		\$657 82
Appropriation,	600 00	
Overdrawn,	57 82	
		657 82

TOWN OFFICERS.

E. N. Sargent, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor,	200 00	
Wm. H. Colby, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	125 00	
J. E. Currier, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	125 00	
Wm. Chase, school committee,	100 00	
M. Perry Sargent, " "	75 00	
J. W. Hobart, " "	75 00	
Bailey Sargent, town clerk,	63 00	
" " constable, warning meet- ings,	15 00	
" " treasurer and collector,	240 50	
Alex Smart, registrar of voters,	30 00	
F. C. Delano, " "	30 00	
N.P.Cummings, " "	30 00	
Bailey Sargent, " "	30 00	
Total,	—————	1138 50
Appropriation,	800 00	
Overdrawn,	338 50	
	—————	1138 50

NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid town of Amesbury interest,	480 00
note of town treasurer,	1000 00
interest on notes, loan of June, '83,	300 00

note and interest, Merrimac Sav-		
ings Bank,	2521 18	
interest to March 1, loan of Sept.		
2d, 1884,	90 00	
		4391 18
Discount on taxes,		696 88

ABATEMENTS.

Collector's list, 1880,	\$ 40 08	
“ “ 1881,	85 27	
“ “ 1882,	57 80	
“ “ 1883,	90 31	
“ “ 1884,	21 70	
		295 16
		\$ 5383 22

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

BAILEY SARGENT, Treasurer and Collector, in account with the town of Merrimac :—

1884	<i>Dr.</i>		
March 1	To uncollected taxes,	\$5,523 82	
	cash,	2,823 65	
			8,347 47
May 3	Received on account of M.		
	Riley,	43 75	
31	Hired of Merrimac Savings		
	Bank,	2500 00	
Sept. 3	Received on town treasurer's		
	note,	4501 00	

Nov. 7	Received of school committee for books, &c.,	26 48	
26	Received, over paid on ac- count of Mrs. Gray,	4 00	
Dec. 3	Received of school committee for tuitions,	31 00	
			7106 23
Dec. 6	Received of school committe for tuitions,	39 50	
	Received of school committee for rent,	6 30	
	Received of school committee for books, &c.,	2 40	
			48 20
Dec. 10	Received of State Treasurer, corp. tax,	537 86	
	Received of State Treasurer, National bank tax,	251 55	
	Received of State Treasurer, state aid,	366 00	
	Received of State Treasurer, state paupers,	21 00	
			1176 41
1885.			
Jan. 3	Hired of Merrimac Savings Bank,		3650 00
14	Received of county treasurer, dog money,	149 57	
	Received of State Treasurer, corp. tax,	99	
	Received of State Treasurer, Bank tax,	9 52	

	Received of State Treasurer, Mass. school fund,	176 79	
Feb. 6	Received of Amesbury bank and corp. taxes,	79 95	
			416 82
9	Received of W. O. Merrill for brick,	4 20	
	Received of school committee for books,	5 26	
10	Received of school committee for rent, &c.,	2 62	
18	Received of school committee for rent,	6 00	
	Received of school committee for apples,	2 00	
	Received for use of lock-up,	1 00	
			21 08
	Received of First Nat'l Bank, one year's rent,	275 00	
	Received of G. E. Ricker, one year's rent,	250 00	
	Received of R. A. Sargent, one year's rent,	225 00	
	Received of R. A. Sargent, for Sargent Hall,	33 50	
			783 50
	Tax List, 1884, committed for collection,	18,662 85	
	Re-assessments,	49 20	
			18,712 05
	Received interest on taxes, 1880,	11 99	
"	" " 1881,	24 53	
"	" " 1882,	33 71	

Received interest on taxes 1883,	71 02	
" " " 1884,	4 22	
		145 47
		\$40,407 23

Cr.

By paid State tax,	1380 00	
" County "	1326 87	
" Bank "	1335 10	
" Selectmen's orders,	30,778 62	
		34,820 59
Uncollected taxes, 1880,	22 23	
" " 1881,	140 71	
" " 1882,	525 02	
" " 1883,	1708 12	
" " 1884,	3264 87	
		5,660,95
		40,481 54
Overdrawn on treasurer,		74 31
		\$40,407 23

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The town is indebted as follows:—

Two-fifths Amesbury notes,	8000 00
On loan of June 2, 1883,	7000 00
" Sept. 2, 1884,	4500 00

To Merrimac Savings Bank,	3650 00	
Interest accrued,	104 33	
Outstanding demands, estimated,	800 00	
Overdrawn on town treasurer,	74 31	
		24,128 64

Cr.

Due from state for state aid,	405 50	
" " " paupers,	18 12	
Uncollected taxes,	5660 95	
		6,084 57
Town debt, March 1, 1885,		18,044 07
" " " 1, 1884,		8,587 53
Increase of debt,		9,456 54

E. N. SARGENT,	} Selectmen of Merrimac.
WM. H. COLBY,	
JOHN E. CURRIER,	

REPORT OF THE JANITOR OF SARGENT HALL.

The hall has been opened during the year, forty-five times,
as follows :—

Political meetings and caucuses,	16
Town meetings,	6
Entertainments,	11
Miscellaneous,	12
Total,	45

STATISTICS FROM VALUATION BOOK.

	1883.	1884.
Valuation of Real Estate,	\$744,825 00	\$761,230 00
“ “ Personal Estate,	387,698 00	376,774 00
	1,132,523 00	1,138,004 00
Gain in 1884,		5,481 00
Number of polls, 706		
Rate on polls, \$2 00		
Rate of taxation, \$14 per \$1000		
Total tax assessed,		\$17,344 05
Non-resident bank valuation,		94,200 00
Tax on same,		1318 80
Number of acres of land, 5117.8		

	1883	1884
Number of dwellings,	437	446
“ “ horses,	235	249
“ “ cows,	206	199
“ “ sheep,	28	20

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Sargent Hall,	\$20,000 00
School Houses,	21,000 00
Public Library,	2,500 00
Fire Apparatus,	9,500 00
Cemeteries, Hearse and House,	2,700 00
Town Landings,	300 00
Town Pound,	50 00
Town Standards,	150 00
Law Reports,	350 00
	56,550 00

REPORT OF
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Board of Selectmen of Merrimac :—

GENTLEMEN : --In presenting to you the ninth annual report of the Merrimac Public Library, it is gratifying to the trustees that so favorable a condition of the Library can be shown.

During the year some radical changes have been made in the management of the Library, but only those that were deemed best for its usefulness and the benefit of its patrons. As intimated in the report of the trustees for last year, it was found necessary to revise, re-arrange and repair the Library, preparatory to issuing a new catalogue. For this purpose the rooms were closed to the public June 28th, and a recess taken until Sept. 6th. All books issued were called in and each one accounted for. Several years have passed since this work had been done, making the work of this year more than was anticipated.

Since the first of February, 1884, the Library has been opened 84 times, and 10,465 books have been delivered, as follows :—
In February, 942 ; March, 1360 ; April, 1058 ; May, 1114 ;
June, 357 ; September, 984 ; October, 963 ; November, 1266 ;

December, 1835 ; January, 1836. Of these, the largest number delivered in one day was 320, while the average daily delivery was 125.

During the twelve months not a single book has been lost, and there are no books out unaccounted for.

There are now nearly 3500 volumes belonging to the Library, 310 of these having been added by purchase during the past year, besides six volumes that have been donated. For these donations we are indebted to Dr. James R. Nichols for three volumes of the "Encyclopædia Britannica,"—to Mrs. H. B. Smith for a volume entitled "System of Christian Theology," of which her late husband was the author. Also, to the Lynn and Newton Public Libraries for one volume each. For all of these favors we return thanks.

The size of the Library we consider excellent for the time in operation, the number of inhabitants in town, and the limited means at the disposal of the trustees. We live in hopes that the latter condition will be improved by some generous citizen or friend being moved to emulate the example of others, who are frequently reported as making donations or bequests to one and another of our sister institutions in neighboring cities and towns.

In the month of August, the librarian, Mr. E. W. Ricker, in justice to his health, was obliged to resign. The trustees were fortunate in securing Mr. George E. Ricker, whose former experience made his services valuable.

The faithfulness of the librarian and his assistants, together with their readiness to enforce the rules and regulations have done much toward improving the condition of the Library. Good order and quiet is now generally maintained, and the

willingness of those who patronize the Library, in conforming to the printed rules is appreciated. Still there are a few cases of disorder among young persons who seem to have an ignorant idea of decorum, that need to have a decided check. It is impossible to have a well regulated Library room without quiet and order. We therefore request the co-operation of our citizens to this end, thus enabling those in charge to perform their work satisfactorily to all.

During the two months the Library was closed, a large amount of work was accomplished. New cases of shelves were built, and many needed improvements made. This occasioned additional expense, and we found our funds insufficient. To meet this expense the trustees voted to draw from the "Goodwin Fund," intending to repay the same next year with interest on the amount for the time used. We respectfully ask of our citizens a kind consideration of the facts, and an extra appropriation to meet this payment without interfering with the usual yearly receipts of the Library.

The advice of library experts as well as the experience of the past, have convinced the trustees that a "class catalogue" is the most convenient plan for the needs of the Merrimac Public Library. One has been prepared which is considered practical, concise and suitable for ready reference, and is now in the hands of the printer. It is confidently expected that the new catalogue will be in readiness for delivery during the present month of March. While we recognize the fact of apparent delay it must be remembered that there was a large amount of preparatory work before copy could be given to the printer, that unavoidable circumstances have occasioned delay, and that catalogues cannot be compiled in a moment. Inquiry

shows the delay no greater than other libraries have experienced.

As the size of our Library room is contracted for the work required, it is generally acknowledged that before many years we shall need extra room. When we consider that the volumes are constantly increasing in number, and that a quiet reading-room is also a necessity, supplying a want not now filled in our community, it will be admitted that important changes must be made in the near future.

In consideration of the above, and from the fact of the increasing usefulness of the Library, and the necessarily large amount of work for the coming year, we respectfully request the citizens of Merrimac to deal generously with us in the appropriations for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND N. SARGENT,	} Board of Trustees.
DR. JAS. R. NICHOLS,	
GEORGE O. GOODWIN,	
S. S. BLODGETT,	
JOHN B. JUDKINS,	
DANIEL J. POORE,	
GEORGE ADAMS,	

D. J. POORE, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the year ending March 1, 1885.

D. J. Poore, Treasurer, in account with Merrimac Public Library.

Dr.

To balance received from S. S. Blodgett,

treasurer,	\$ 53 65	
received from Chautauqua books,	1 00	
“ “ Interest on “ Goodwin Fund,”	7 65	
“ “ “ Goodwin Fund,”	113 00	
“ “ Fines,	31 12	
“ “ Town appropriations,	500 00	
		\$ 706 42

Cr.

By paid for books and magazines,	204 64	
“ binding books,	51 80	
“ Librarian,	175 00	
“ printing,	29 50	
“ expressage,	11 45	
“ repairing and revising Library,	72 90	
“ book cases and furniture,	113 00	
“ painting,	2 50	
“ sundry supplies,	33 40	
Cash on hand,	12 23	
		706 42

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. POORE, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

The School Board was organized at the commencement of the year, with William Chase as chairman and Dr. J. W. Hobart, as secretary.

The assignment to the committee of the schools over which they would have special jurisdiction, are as follows:—To Mr. Chase, the High school at the Centre, the Grammar, Intermediate and Primary Schools at Merrimacport, and the Landing School. To Mr. Sargent, the Grammar, Intermediate and Lower Primary Schools at the Centre. To Dr. Hobart, the Higher Primary at the Centre, the Higher Primary and the Lower Primary at the Plains, and the Bear Hill School.

The committee, wishing to ascertain the condition of the schools, invited the teachers to a discussion of their needs with a view to re-grading them. For further enlightenment upon the subject, the Secretary of the Board of Education was consulted. He advised the employing of their agent, Mr. John T. Prince, to assist in the preparation of a

graded course of study. In pursuance of this object, Mr. Prince visited the schools, acquainted himself with our methods and course of instruction, and suggested the following plan, viz:—a well selected course of English studies to be completed by graduation in two years, and a classical course, including the higher branches of English, with Latin and French, to be completed in four years. It was the opinion of many of our citizens at the time the changes were contemplated, that the classical languages ought to be dispensed with, and a limited course in English for two years, with a more extended one for three years, be made to take its place.

It was thought by those favorable to this plan, that the school was losing in numbers and influence through the lack of practicality in many of the subjects taught, and that the work done by an assistant, might be done by the principal, with a saving to the town of several hundred dollars annually.

The views of the committee not being generally understood by the advocates of a more liberal course, a petition, urging the retention of our worthy assistant, and signed by many leading citizens, was presented to the Board. There being no counter petition presented, the committee employed her for another year.

The agitation of these questions has proved a benefit to the schools, by arousing a more active sympathy in the community for the higher education of our youth. This fact has been made evident by the increased number of scholars in the High School, the present membership being 56, with the prospect of a still larger growth.

BOOKS.

It will be seen by referring to the table of *Expenditures*, that a large sum of money has been expended in providing books for the schools in accordance with the requirements of the new law, which obliges towns and cities to furnish all books, stationery, etc., at the expense of such cities and towns. The Committee did not anticipate such an outlay, yet, in taking a retrospective view of the matter, we could not well reduce the expenditure to any great extent.

If the requirements of the law had been known at an earlier period, the necessary changes might have been made with less interruption to the schools, by procuring the books at the beginning of the winter term.

Mr. Edmund Ricker was employed as our agent to furnish all needed supplies, receiving for compensation a certain per cent on the cost, but was unable to attend to the work on account of sickness. Mr. Joyce then kindly consented to the labor of buying and distributing the text books. There is now a well arranged system of distribution, and a sufficient supply of books for immediate wants.

A perfect record is kept of all books loaned to scholars, none of which can be obtained except by an order from the teacher, who keeps a record of books loaned, in a book prepared for that purpose, sent to the Superintending Committee or their agent. Books are only loaned to scholars, and they are required to preserve the same with care, and at the close of the term to deliver them to the teacher, to be kept to the next

term. Books lost or spoiled are to be made good by the scholar.

Under the new law, the committee have expended for books and stationery,	\$1381 00
The depreciation estimate at	300 00

Leaving a balance of books and stationery on hand, valued at,	\$1081 00
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This shows the necessity of the town's adding to their appropriation to the account of books, at least	\$ 300 00
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The increase in the pay of the teachers, needs to be considered in the appropriation. It should be at least,	343 00
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The additional expense of running the Plains' school should also be considered.

The committee recommend an appropriation of \$6200 00 for general school purposes the coming year.

WM. CHASE, M. PERRY SARGENT, JOHN W. HOBART,	}	School Committee.
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MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL

MR. G. FRED JOYCE, Principal.

MISS HELEN K. SPOFFORD, Assistant.

The committee are glad to report a highly favorable condition of this school in regard to discipline and general instruction. In point of numbers, it has exceeded the expectations of the committee. And the ability, character, and interest displayed by both principal and assistant, as exemplified in and about the schools, and to the community generally, are worthy of consideration.

In addition to the usual studies, Latin, French, Political Economy, Book-Keeping and Music are pursued.

There is one great annoyance to the occupying the front rooms of this building, caused by being in close proximity to the street, hence, in the warm weather, when the windows need to be open, this fault is more apparent.

We think it would be well for the town to secure a lot favorably situated, while such can be obtained, for the High School, when it is thought best to build a new one.

Mr. Joyce, by the indefatigable labors of himself and scholars, has given a very satisfactory entertainment to the public, by which was raised a very good sum of money to expend for chemical and philosophical apparatus for the use of the school.

This, and all the schools, have been unusually affected by absences, caused largely by the scarlet fever, which has prevailed in town.

CENTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MISS ELLEN GUNNISON, Teacher.

Faithful labor on the part of the teacher and most of the pupils, has made the school year one of continued prosperity. The labor performed since the summer vacation has been more severe than usual, but the willingness with which it has been performed, and the results obtained thereby, merit the commendation of both committee and parents.

CENTER INTERMEDIATE.

MISS MINNIE M. BASSETT, } Teachers
MISS MARY ELLA HOYT, }

At the commencement of the year Miss Hoyt was re-engaged to teach this school, but just before the summer term was to begin, she requested the committee to put in a substitute for that term, reserving the school for her in the fall. Her request was complied with, and Miss Bassett was engaged for a single term. Although young and without experience, Miss Bassett entered upon her duties with an earnestness which kept the school fully up to its former standard.

At the commencement of the fall term, Miss Hoyt resumed her position, and the school has progressed as usual.

CENTER FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS CARRIE M. EVANS, Teacher.

The work of this school has gone on quietly and satisfactorily during the year. We have been pleased to see that an advance has been made in the application of right principles in the work of instruction, not only in this, but in the other schools that have been under our more immediate observation. The enthusiastic study of methods of presenting knowledge to a class so as to be readily perceived and grasped by the mind, is of prime importance to the successful teacher.

CENTER SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS FANNIE SHERMAN, Teacher.

Miss Sherman has had charge of this school during the year. She has labored faithfully and successfully, and the school has been constantly improving.

The attendance during the winter term has been somewhat irregular, owing partly to a few cases of scarlet fever, and partly to unusually severe weather, which often rendered it imprudent for children of such tender years to attend.

PROSPECT STREET FIRST PRIMARY.

MISS JOSEPHINE L. OAK, Teacher.

Under the efficient management of Miss Oak, the success that has attended the school in previous terms has been maintained, and an advance has been made in improved methods of instruction and in that spirit of mutual love and esteem which secures ready and willing obedience to necessary rules.

The work of the winter term was seriously marred by the temporary closure of the school on account of the scarlet fever. This must be borne in mind, in estimating the result of the year's work.

PROSPECT STREET SECOND PRIMARY.

MISS FLORA FOURTIN, Teacher.

Miss Fourtin has made commendable progress in the art of teaching, and evidently has that love for her work which will make her increasingly successful as a teacher. The writing particularly shows unusual results as the fruit of careful training.

MERRIMACPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MR. CHARLES S. DAVIS, Teacher.

Since the beginning of the fall term of 1882, this school has been under the charge of Mr. Davis, who has brought "order out of chaos." By diligence and perseverance, he now has a school well governed, and making very good progress.

We have in this school a class of High school scholars, (of the first year) some of whom do not contemplate entering the high school, but who are interesting themselves very much in their studies, and making good progress in those studies that belong to the first year of the high school. We recommend the same course to be pursued so long as a sufficient number of scholars are willing to stay that year longer in school.

Miss Stella Larkin gives music lessons in this, and the other schools at Merrimacport, which adds very much to the general interest and usefulness of the schools.

MERRIMACPORT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS MINNIE C. CURRIER, Teacher.

This school has been kept for several years past by Miss Carlton, whose failing health obliged her to give it up in the

spring. Miss Currier, who taught the Birch Meadow school last year, was promoted to fill the vacancy.

The committee think she has given as good satisfaction as could be expected under some trying circumstances in the district, and the prevailing sickness.

She has done her part in trying to teach the scholars, and to maintain good discipline. In this there has always been too much outside interference for the good of the school.

MERRIMACPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

MISS A. M. COLLINS, Teacher.

Miss Collins' natural qualifications for a teacher of young children have been much improved by several years' experience in this school. This year, on account of the sickness and absence of many of the children, she does not feel justified in reporting the usual progress.

LANDING SCHOOL.

MISS MATTIE A. HUGHES, Teacher.

This school on account of the small number of scholars has a very uncertain future.

Last year at the close, it was found that we had very few scholars to rely upon to attend the opening of the

school for this season. Fortunately, a family moved into the district, with several children who became members, making the total number of scholars, fourteen.

BEAR HILL SCHOOL.

MISS BESSIE A. VEAL, Teacher.

This is a mixed school with a membership of 49 scholars, representing all the grades below the high school. Thus much labor is necessarily imposed upon the teacher, with but little time in which to accomplish it.

The prevalence of the scarlet fever, the withdrawal of many of the scholars and the temporary closing of the school, necessarily impaired the completeness of the results anticipated at the beginning of the term.

To say that under these circumstances the school has done good work, is to bestow well merited praise upon pupils and teacher.

BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL.

MISS HATTIE L. THORN, }
MISS MINNIE M. BASSETT, } Teachers.

Miss Thorn taught the summer term with good acceptance. The general order was excellent, although the rod might have been used in one or two instances without any injustice to the culprit. The progress made in their studies

was commendable to both teacher and scholars, and the committee felt that the term was a decided success.

The fall term was taught by Miss Bassett, with profit to those who continued through the term. The action of parents in removing their children because one of their number was thought too good to be punished for constant disobedience and using indecent language, cannot be too severely condemned. A child thus humored will be very liable to find a home in one of the penal institutions of the state.

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL.

MISS ETTA L. COLBY, Teacher.

This school has been under the charge of the same teacher as last year; the order has been very good and the lessons well learned.

Owing to sickness, the committee was unable to be present at the closing examination, but we feel confident that the past year has been one of more than usual success.

TABLE No. 1.
STATISTICS OF SUMMER TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Days in term	Number of Scholars.	Average No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number of Times Late.	Number of Scholars over 15 years	Number of Scholars under 5 years	Number of Visitors.	Teachers' Wages per Month.
Merrimac High, (Principal) - -	60	30	28.8	27.6	30	21		11	\$94 74
" (Assistant) - -									50 00
" Grammar, - - - - -	60	33	32	31	4	6		13	50 00
" Intermediate, - - - - -	60	29	28 3	26	38	1		15	35 00
Central Higher Primary, - - - - -	60	34	32.175	30 44	12			23	35 00
" Lower " - - - - -	60	45	37.75	34.33 ¹ ₃	61			37	30 00
Plains Higher " - - - - -	60	34	32.88	32.88	22			19*	35 00
" Lower " - - - - -	60	50	44	38 ² ₃	91	1	1	28	30 00
Merrimacport Grammar, - - - - -	60	20	20	18.3	49	2		14	50 00
" Intermediate, - - - - -	60	26	26	20	132			19	31 00
" Primary - - - - -	60	37	35 ² ₃	31	166			17	30 00
Bear Hill, - - - - -	60	45	40.1 ⁷ ₁₂	37.33 ¹ ₃	10	1		24	40 00
Landing, - - - - -	60	13	12.5	11.5	54		2	24	22 00
Highlands, - - - - -	60	12	11 ² ₃	10 ¹ ₅	18	2		21	22 00
Birch Meadow, - - - - -	60	15	14 ¹ ₃	13 ² ₃	5			14	22 00

TABLE NO. 2.

STATISTICS OF WINTER TERM.

SCHOOLS.		Number of Days in term	Number of Scholars.	Average No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Number of Times Late.	Number of Scholars over 15 years	Number of Scholars under 15 years	Number of Visitors.	Teachers' Wages per Month.
Merrimac High,	(Principal) - -	130	47	43	40.7	52	25		17	\$94 74
"	(Assistant) - -									50 00
"	Grammar, - - - -	120	30	29.4	28	23	2		13	50 00
"	Intermediate, - - -	105	34	32.4	30.6	18			34	35 00
Central Higher Primary,	- - - -	105	32	29.15	27.63	16			39	35 00
"	Lower - - - -	100	43	32.25	28.53	152			37	30 00
Plains Higher	" - - - -	95	38	32.96	30.682	19			39	35 00
"	Lower - - - -	95	46	37	35	69	1		38	30 00
Merrimacport Grammar,	- - - -	118	22	21.5	19.1	65	2		14	60 00
"	Intermediate, - - -	110	28	28	13	237			22	31 00
"	Primary, - - - -	105	29	24	20	102			20	30 00
Bear Hill,	- - - -	120	49	35 $\frac{1}{4}$	31 $\frac{2}{3}$	27	2		26	40 00
Landing,	- - - -	80	14	13	11.5	86			20	22 00
Highlands,	- - - -	80	13	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	10.5	44	2	1	16	22 00
Birch Meadow,	- - - -	60	13	10	10				10	22 00

